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BIKE CRACKDOWN

City hitting cyclists with TWICE as many tickets

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Cops are slapping cyclists with nearly double the number of traffic tickets in the wake of a “crackdown” on rogue bikers in Brooklyn.

Officers wrote at least 695 bicycle summonses in the borough during the month of February — compared to just 375 in the same period last year — with cops citing “pedestrian safety” as the impetus for the booming ticket blitz.

But critics on two-wheelers — straight-laced commuters, bad boys on fixed gears and bike shop owners among them — say there hasn’t been



Tejas Singh got three tickets — one for riding his bike on sidewalk, one for riding the wrong way and one for his use of abusive language against the cops.

enough outreach or accident data to suggest a need for enforcing rules that police once simply ignored.

“It comes as a real shock,” said Erin



The battle for Brooklyn’s byways

“I ride my bike everyday; I made a judgment call — and I don’t think I was taking an extraordinary risk,” she said, claiming that the light was yellow. “If they’re going to enforce laws they never did before, they should give us a warning.”

Quirk fought the \$190 ticket in court, but lost.

By law, bicycles are treated like cars — and a rogue cyclist can also rack up tickets for riding on the sidewalk or against the flow of traffic.

The summons figures released to The Brooklyn Paper this week are the first tangible evidence that the NYPD’s crackdown against cyclists — announced in January — is more than just a collection of anecdotes from annoyed peddlers.

The crackdown comes at an awkward time for the Bloomberg Administration, which has spent much of the past two years encouraging cycling by painting hundreds of miles of new bike lanes.

As a result, more New Yorkers are cycling than ever. In 2009, the bicycle advocacy group Transportation Alternatives estimated that more than 236,000 people bike in the five boroughs — 28 percent more than the year before.

But the result has been a bikelash; new lanes have become hotly contested as pedestrians and drivers seek to have the pendulum swing back to their mode of transportation. On the Prospect Park West bike lane, for example, opponents

Pol: Kill the PPW bike lane!

By Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

Park Slope’s assemblyman has tossed aside the results of his own survey to conclude that the controversial two-way bike lane on Prospect Park West must be eliminated in favor of a standard one-way lane.

Assemblyman Jim Brennan (D-Park Slope) quietly released a sur-

vey late last Friday that revealed that a majority of Park Slopers favor the bike lane — yet in the same announcement, Brennan came out against the two-way protected route.

“I would prefer that the city continue to study the elimination of the two-way lane or [moving] the bike lane to the righthand side of Pros-



Photo by Tom Callan

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The elevated Brooklyn-Queens Expressway stack desperately needs repair.

Planners nix ‘big dig’ for BQE

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

Dig they won’t.

State and federal transportation officials told civic leaders and residents last Wednesday night that there is not enough money to move ahead on an ambitious — and popular — proposal to bury the aging Brooklyn-Queens Expressway in a tunnel.

Officially, the state Department of Transportation

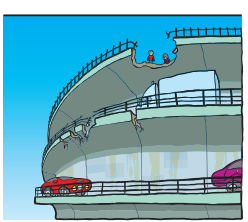
is still considering several tunnel options to replace the crumbling triple-cantilevered portion of the troubled highway, a substandard roadway that is long overdue for repair.

But planners say they don’t expect to have the estimated \$2.2 billion it would cost to bury the BQE under Brownstone Brooklyn, or at the highest end of the spectrum, the \$20 billion it would

cost to construct an 8.5-mile outboard tunnel from Greenpoint to Sunset Park.

“We are not anti-tunnel,” said Luis Calderon, Transportation’s acting regional program and project manager. “As an engineer, I would love to work on a tunnel project. That would be my dream. But we have to work within the constraints that are given to us.”

Federal planners agreed.



FIXING the BQE

“Most of the tunnel alternatives will be difficult to find reasonable funding sources,” said John Formosa, major projects manager with the Federal Highway Administration.

Cheaper proposals include \$200 million of surface improvements on the 1.7-mile stretch between Atlantic Avenue and Sands Street.

But residents were galled by lower-tech options.

“That looks like a paint job,” sniffed Boerum Hill resident Bill Harris, a member of a state-appointed citizen’s committee involved in the planning of the mega-repair.

“I thought we were talking about the future. I thought we were trying to be visionary here, to try to do this so we didn’t have to do it again in another 30 or 40 years from now.”

CONDO HAPPY

Bridge Park supporters now want housing

By Natalie O'Neill
The Brooklyn Paper

Supporters of housing inside Brooklyn Bridge Park brought out the big guns last week to support residential units inside the park as the best way to meet a state mandate that the park generate enough revenue to cover its maintenance budget.

At a hearing last week, the head of the private Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy and the former head of the Prospect Park Alliance testified that condos within the park footprint are more reliable sources of cash —



From the start, housing has been a controversial element of Brooklyn Bridge Park.



Providence Hogan, the former treasurer of the PTA at PS 29 in Cobble Hill, is walked from the 76th Precinct stationhouse after surrendering to authorities.

New details on ‘Mom-strocity’

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

Looting the PTA at PS 29 was practically child’s play.

Authorities investigating the former Cobble Hill parent group treasurer accused of stealing \$100,000 said last Wednesday that Providence Hogan used special school events as cover when she cut several big checks to herself — using the money to pay the rent on her apartment, her Atlantic Avenue spa business and fertility treatments.

DA Charles Hynes’s criminal indictment claims that Hogan, who owns the Providence Day

Spa between Smith and Hoyt streets, made three major withdrawals from the Henry Street school’s PTA bank account between May 25, 2008 and Sept. 13, 2010 that ranged from more than \$52,000 to \$6,000.

Each time, the memo line on the withdrawal slip indicated that the pilfered cash would be spent on student activities such as trips to the Brooklyn-Queens Conservatory of Music and Club Getaway, as well as charter bus rentals needed for these excursions.

Sources from Hynes’s office



Nets selling tickets for Bklyn games

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

The New Jersey Nets started selling tickets last week for its games in Brooklyn — the latest tangible evidence that the Barclays Center arena is on schedule for its 2012 tipoff.

The squad is hawking “All Access” season tickets to current season ticket holders — a first-of-its-kind initiative that offers fans such white-glove perks as concierge service and an undisclosed private entrance, along with the chance to buy tickets to non-Nets events before the general public.

And gluttons will have reason to rejoice: The “all access” pass includes all-you-can-eat grub at clubs and concession stands throughout the \$1 billion, 18,000-seat arena rising at the corner of Flatbush and Atlantic avenues.

The ticket push is the first wave of a plan to market the

The ticket master

Rev. Daughtry will control ‘free’ Nets seats

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

Want Nets tickets? You’ll have to make a higher calling.

Rev. Herbert Daughtry, pastor of the House of the Lord Pentecostal Church in Boerum Hill, will have the final say over the distribution of 54 free tickets and a posh skybox for every event at the Barclays Center once the \$1-billion arena opens next year.

The “suite” deal is part of the so-called Community Benefits Agreement that Daughtry helped hammer out with arena developer Bruce Ratner on behalf of his non-profit group Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Association — which was formed thanks to \$50,000 in seed money from Ratner in 2005.

The deal includes four seats in the arena’s lower bowl, 50 in the upper section, and a suite, according to Nets spokesman Barry Baum.

“The Downtown Brooklyn Neighborhood Alliance, led by



Rev. Herbert Daughtry has gotten something back for his support of the Atlantic Yards mega-development: Control of the more than four-dozen nightly free “community” tickets to the Barclays Center.

Rev. Daughtry, will control the distribution of tickets and the use of the suite,” Baum said.

The Nets said that a dispersal system has yet to be determined,

but a preference will be given to seniors and kids.

“Protocols will be developed in the next year,” Baum said.

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Ratner sells stake in malls

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Developer Bruce Ratner is selling half his stake in two of the borough’s largest shopping centers as he struggles to begin his \$4.9-billion Atlantic Yards project across the street.

Ratner sold 49-percent shares of Fort Greene’s Atlantic Center

and Atlantic Terminal Mall and 13 other projects to an international real estate investor for \$172 million last week.

A spokesman for the company said that the sale would have “no direct bearing” on the delayed mega-development, which is supposed to consist of 16 residential and office towers, plus a bas-

ketball arena, but currently only features the under-construction sports facility.

“We’re happy to continue to own these properties, they’re fantastic properties,” said Forest City spokesman Jeff Linton, who added that shoppers at the two busy malls would not notice

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Fatwa for Arabic school

City will close the controversial Gibran Academy

By Dana Sauchelli and Gersh Kuntzman
The Brooklyn Paper

A controversial Arabic-language middle school — founded after a highly divisive public battle that involved curriculum, staffing and even whether the school would churn out terrorists — will be closed by the city for its gravest sin: failing to attract students.

Under the current proposal, the Department of Education would essentially put the Khalil Gibran International Academy out of its misery after the school “struggled to recruit and retain middle school students.”

Worse, the school’s most recent report card gave it F marks for both “student performance” and “student progress.”

The city will now try to turn the Arabic-language and culture school into a high school, and move it from its current location on Navy Street in Fort Greene to the Metropolitan Corporate Academy building on Schermerhorn Street in Downtown.

At a hearing on Monday night to discuss the death of the middle school, no teachers and only two parents showed

nated against Almontaser for violating her free speech rights, but she never returned to the school, which is now on its third principal and third location.

The school, without Almontaser at the head, enrolled its first class in shared space in Boerum Hill before moving to Fort Greene two years ago. But neither location complemented the Arabic program; only 1 percent of the population in the neighborhood around the current location is of Arab descent, according to the Census Bureau. As a result, enrollment has plummeted.

“The number of students attending the school each year has substantially declined,” the city said, citing 60 sixth-graders in 2007 compared to the mere 35 this year. “In 2010, Khalil Gibran ... received the lowest number of sixth grade applications in District 13. Only 18 percent of students who applied to Khalil Gibran ranked it within their top three choices. Declining enrollment ... suggests that District 13 families are seeking other options better matched to their interests and needs.”

But the Academy could thrive as a high school program, city officials said.

up to defend the current program — a far cry from 2007, when supporters eagerly rallied for the Gibran Academy after opponents trashed the school with claims that its Islamic-centered instruction would inevitably glorify violence.

It’s a stunning fall from prominence for the school, which was founded by Debbie Almontaser in a seemingly bulletproof partnership with New Visions for Public Schools, which had created more than 100 small schools in the city. But the Arabic-language and culture curriculum was almost im-

mediately under fire from anti-Arab conservatives as well as some liberals who were concerned about segregating public education.

Almontaser didn’t do herself any favors, becoming a lightning rod after she refused to repudiate a line of T-shirts reading, “Intifada NYC,” a reference to violent struggle.

When she was forced out by the Department of Education, the New York Post could barely hide its glee: “Intifad-ados to school chief,” the headline said.

A federal panel later ruled that the city had discrimi-

By Shavana Abruzzo
The Brooklyn Paper

Her big, green shoes were brimming with good cheer on Saturday when retired Prospect Park Alliance founder Tupper Thomas was honored in the Brooklyn park where she left her verdant stomp for future generations to enjoy — or not.

A flock of goosniks, protesting the summer slaughter of the park’s Canada geese, were hoping to sabotage the sweet soiree, but their efforts to raise feathers were swiftly plucked by nearly 900 Tupper fans, who came dressed to the hilt.

The natty glitterati included Borough President Markowitz and his wife Jamie, Deputy Inspector John Argenziano — commanding officer of the 78th Precinct — and Councilmen Steven Levin (D–Williamsburg) and Brad Lander

New Prospect Park Alliance Director Emily Lloyd (left) will have to fill the big green shoes of outgoing leader Tupper Thomas.

(D–Park Slope), who arrived in a tux with a proclamation stuffed under his armpit. But what’s a proclama-

tion compared to Markowitz’s cast-iron model of the Brooklyn Bridge? The beep typically gives out his ver-

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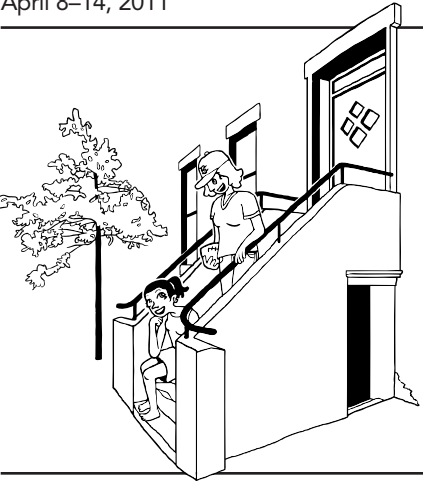
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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

BAY RIDGE



Photo by Tom Callan
The Fort Hamilton High School Marching Band plays last year's Bay Ridge Memorial Day Parade — which could be canceled in 2012 for the first time in more than 100 years.

Parade lost? Memorial Day troubles

By Michelle Manetti
for The Brooklyn Paper

The Bay Ridge Memorial Day Parade may need a memorial parade of its own if organizers can't come up with \$20,000 necessary to put on the Third Avenue march.

Organizers say that this year's parade — the 144th version of the nation's oldest continuously run war memorial — could be its last if the government and community doesn't bite the bullet and buck-up soon.

"We only have half of what we need to run the parade [in 2011]," said Raymond P. Aalblue, vice chairman of the United War Veterans of Kings County Memorial Day Parade Committee.

The lack of funds has led organizers to cut marching bands in this year's parade from 10 last year to three or four this year, and now they can only afford two buses to pick up the veterans who march in the parade — meaning many of them will be forced to get there on their own. Worst of all, without money in the kitty, next year's parade is in jeopardy.

"We're doubting next year," said Aalblue. "That's why we need as much support and participation from the community as we can get."

The biggest hole in this year's parade budget opened up when state Sen. Marty Golden (R–Bay Ridge) couldn't pull together the \$7,000 in state funds that he has allocated to the event the past five years. Fortunately, the group had scrounged up \$10,000, thanks to private donations from locals.

Aalblue said the veterans will still march this year whether they have enough money or not, and is hoping the community will lend a hand in honoring the veterans.

"We have to remember the people who gave their lives," said Aalblue. "I hope people will rally together to make this a proper parade."

News of the shortage propelled Golden, Rep. Michael Grimm (R–Bay Ridge) and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R–Bay Ridge) to donate a combined \$2,500 to the parade, but that still leaves the committee \$7,500 short.

According to chairman Peter De Angelis, there will be a fundraiser for the parade, though no specific time or place has been issued.

Send donations to *United War Veterans Memorial Day Parade, PO Box 09-0233, Brooklyn, NY 11209. For info, visit www.brooklynmemorialdayparade.com or call (917) 873-1508.*

PROSPECT HEIGHTS

City overruled on charter school inside PS 9

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Turns out, you can fight City Hall and win.

Prospect Heights public school parents were ecstatic after State Education Commissioner David Steiner annulled the city's decision to stuff an unwanted charter school into the PS 9-MS 571 building on Underhill Avenue.

"I am absolutely elated,"

said parent Faye Rimalovski. "I started to cry. It made me believe that parents have a voice in the system."

City officials accepted the late Thursday announcement, but vowed to revisit plans to phase out MS 571 and give its space to a charter school.

"We remain committed to co-locating Brooklyn East Collegiate Charter school [in] PS 9," said Department

PARK SLOPE

Union dues at Ozzie's Fired barista gets an out-of-court settlement

By Alex Rush
The Brooklyn Paper

A former barista who sued Ozzie's coffeehouse, alleging that store owners fired him for trying to unionize, won a \$15,500 out-of-court settlement from the Park Slope java joint last month.

"I'm happy that this is all behind me," said Jeff Bauer, whose suit was backed by the National Labor Relations Board. "I can move on knowing that at least one boss will think twice before interfering with a worker's right to organize."

The dough covers the wages and tips that Bauer claims he lost since being canned last year. Ozzie's, which has two locations in Park Slope, is also required to display a notice for 60 days saying that it will not discriminate against employees for participating in union activities.

"[Ozzie's] will not discharge, issue warnings to, reduce the work hours of, or otherwise discriminate against, any employee for engaging in activities on behalf of Industrial Workers of the World, or any other labor organizations, or for engaging in protected concerted activities," reads the notice.

But co-owner Melissa



Photo by Alex Rush
Ozzie's co-owner Melissa Azulai (center) and workers Reverlie Thomas (right) and Janine Linton show the flier they must hang part of a labor settlement.

Azulai said that she settled with Bauer because it was less expensive than bringing the case in front of an administrative law judge. And she maintained that Bauer was sacked for poor performance — not for organizing.

"We got a lot of complaints from customers about Jeff's service," said Azulai. "His firing had absolutely nothing to do with him being part of a union."

As such, the settlement does not get Bauer what he

claims he really wanted: his old job back.

"Absolutely not," said Azulai. "We don't want him back."

Luckily for Bauer, he landed a unionized job as a janitor at the College of Staten Island.

Bauer worked at the Seventh Avenue Ozzie's location for a year. He said that his problems started when he yapped to customers about witnessing a hostile confrontation between a co-

worker and his manager's boyfriend.

"I was so distraught by the argument because it looked like it was going to turn violent," Bauer said. "Later, customers asked me why I looked upset so I told them what happened."

Bauer thinks that the manager, Raphael Bernadine, got wind of his gossiping and took revenge by cutting his full-time hours in half.

So Bauer called the International Workers of the World, a century-old union with its roots in the 1920s, to demand that Bernadine restore his slashed hours.

Instead, Bauer was fired.

And that's where the stories diverge. Bauer believes he was sacked because he sought union protection — which would be a violation of a 1935 federal law that prohibits businesses from firing an employee for union activities.

But Ozzie's owners say that Bauer's charges were severely overcaffeinated.

Indeed, Azulai's termination letter to Bauer made no mention of his union activities, citing only "poor performance" and "customer complaints" as the reasons for the sacking.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

Brooklyn Bridge night chaos

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

If you're planning a late-night excursion into Manhattan, fuhgeddabout taking the Brooklyn Bridge.

Beginning on Monday, April 4, all Manhattan-bound lanes on John Roebling's historic span will again be closed nightly as the city continues with its mammoth \$508-million paint job and rehabilitation project that won't be completed until 2014.

Brooklyn-bound lanes, as well as the walking path and bike lane, will remain



Photo by Tom Callan

open.

The Manhattan-bound lanes will be closed weekdays from 11 pm to 6 am; Saturdays from 12:01 am to 7 am; and Sundays from

12:01 am to 9 am. During those hours, all Manhattan-bound traffic will be diverted to the Manhattan Bridge or "other crossings," according to the Department of Transportation.

All traffic lanes will remain open during peak hours, the agency said, during the project, which will rehabilitate the span's ramps and approaches and paint its steel components to prevent corrosion.

The rehab project — the Brooklyn Bridge's first in two decades — promises to even-

tually reduce congestion for the 100,000 drivers who cross the span every day.

Until then, expect a larger-than-normal late-night traffic snarl along already jammed Flatbush Avenue and Tillary Street.

The project has closed the Manhattan-bound lanes for a few weekends this year, but few people seem to be noticing about all the extra cars on neighborhood streets.

"We haven't gotten any complaints," said Robert Perris, the district manager of Community Board 2.

GREENPOINT

Resistance for bridge bike lane

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

One of Greenpoint's most dangerous bike lanes is heading back to the drawing board.

City officials will reconsider plans to extend a bike lane over the Greenpoint Avenue Bridge after residents and local business owners said that the truck route is too dangerous.

"It's a dangerous commercial strip," said Tony Argento, whose Broadway Stages production studio business is nearby. "I'm there five, six, seven times a day. I rarely see bicycle on that lane."

The lane is part of the bridge's \$5.8-million reconstruction project, which consists of resurfacing and restriping the heavily used truck route.

The Greenpoint Avenue Bridge is used by 26,637 commuters each day, including 3,491 trucks, according to

2009 city data.

A bike lane currently exists on Greenpoint Avenue, but ends just short of the bridge to Queens, a northern suburb of Brooklyn.

The city doesn't have recent data for cycling use — but some transportation groups estimate that nearly 500 bike commuters a day use Greenpoint Avenue.

But the road has been a dangerous one — cyclists have complained about divots and potholes in its asphalt, and last May, a cyclist flipped over his handlebars while riding over the bridge.

The city's original proposal would extend a six-foot bike lane, with a nine-foot buffer, over the bridge, and cut the bridge to one car lane in each direction.

Transportation workers have begun repairing the bridge, but planners will hold several meetings with residents and industrial businesses



Photo by Tom Callan
There's a lot of traffic on Greenpoint Avenue, where the city once wanted to put a bike lane.

to discuss potential designs, such as the installation of left-turn bays, before presenting final recommendations to Community Board 1.

Cycling advocates promised to defend the lane vigorously.

"It has been proven throughout the city that bike lanes, in addition to being popular with residents, greatly improve safety for cyclists and drivers," said Noah Budnick of the pro-cycling group, Transportation Alternatives. "We are glad to see

the city once again making time to work with the neighborhood to develop the best possible design for Greenpoint Avenue."

But Argento wants the lane moved entirely to Monitor Street or Kingsland Avenue where there's less traffic.

"The traffic situation on Greenpoint Avenue has become worse and worse," said Argento. "And when those bridges open, everything gets back up over half an hour — for boats."

GOWANUS

Lost Gowanus ship from WWII

By Gary Buiso
The Brooklyn Paper

A World War II vessel resting on the bottom of the Gowanus Canal could be the first archeologically important relic awaiting liberation from the polluted waterway, officials said this week.

"If it is intact, it will be very significant," said John Vetter, an Environmental Protection Agency archeologist, who is working on a federally mandated plan to salvage and study the canal's lost treasures as part of the Superfund cleanup.

As per federal law, anything of historical significance must be preserved.

The boat, at Third Street and Third Avenue, is certainly not new to hardcore Gowanus-heads. She was brought by tug from the Bronx, where she languished. But once in Brooklyn, the vessel saw new life as part of the Empty Vessel Project Art Collective.

But the problem — archeologically speaking — for the doomed air-sea rescue boat is that it's been modified heavily since its days combing the oceans for distressed Allied troops.

"A vessel of this type would have significance should it possess significant integrity, but my expectation is that it's lost a great deal of its integrity, so we're not anticipating a great deal of understanding from it," Vetter said.

If the vessel is a bust, there will be plenty more for researchers to sink their teeth into, as sonar data reveals the presence of other vessels, including 100-foot-long barges that serviced the former industrial artery.

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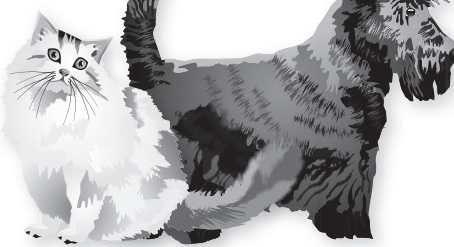
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Boathouse plan moves ahead

McCarren Park and Pulaski Bridge bike path also in line for seed money

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

Newtown Creek could be getting a new boathouse. State officials made the \$3-million waterfront facility on Manhattan Avenue one of seven finalists for a \$7-million pool of money created by the city three years ago in punishment for years of violating state pollution laws. Community Board 1 member Dewey Thompson, who has lobbied hard for money for a boathouse and educational facility in the ground floor of a factory building, hoped the state will follow through on the foundation's advice. "It's going to have a big, tangible, game-changing impact on Greenpoint," said Thompson. "It's going to change the way the people interact with the creek and get on the water in general."

The City Parks Foundation passed along local recommendations to the state Department of Environmental Conservation and Attorney General's office based on feedback culled from the community the past six months.

The recommendations include new bulkheads and tree plantings along Newtown Creek, and the acquisition of two waterfront sites in Queens which would be developed into parkland. But two of the foundation's six other recommendations, a \$1-million study for renovating the Pulaski Bridge, and \$2 million in pathway improvements inside McCarren Park, could have lasting improvements for Greenpoint.

Greenpoint residents have mobilized over the past two years to demand significant improvements for the bridge, including an expanded space for bikes and pedestrians. "We want to study specifically ways in which we can have a separate pedestrian and bike path that is sufficiently wide to accommodate a two-way bike path in a safe manner," said Pulaski Bridge coalition member Moses Gates. And parks leaders embraced the news that McCarren Park could be renovated with state funds. The city nearly closed Gilroy Field before the start of baseball season because the field has been overused and its grass did not germinate. The announcement ends more than six months of de-



A plan for a boathouse in an old factory on the end of Manhattan Avenue moved ahead this week.

liberations, as the City Parks Foundation winnowed down more than 50 suggestions for improving the quality of life in Greenpoint. The public comment period continues for three weeks, culminating in a public information hearing on April 20.

at 11 pm on March 30, waking its tenant before slipping out through the fire escape to Marcy Avenue. • A thief stole \$200 from an unlocked Broadway apartment on March 28 while its tenant was away. When she returned to the apartment at 10 am, she found it was gone.

Greenpoint suicide

Photographer Veronica Boehm was 26

By Aaron Short
The Brooklyn Paper

A 26-year-old fashion photographer ended her life last Sunday, leaving her friends and family bewildered and stunned. Greenpoint resident Veronica Boehm threw herself in front of a northbound C train at 5:40 pm in Manhattan's 96th Street Station. Police sources said she died instantly from multiple blunt traumas and a medical examiner ruled her death a suicide. Boehm grew up in Maryland, but moved to New York about eight years ago with dreams of becoming an artist and shutterbug. She studied photography at the School of Vi-



Greenpoint resident and aspiring fashion photographer Veronica Boehm committed suicide last week.

sual Arts under the tutelage of acclaimed photographers, including Charlotte Cotton and Seth Greenwald, and her work appeared in the school's visual arts gallery in 2007. She pursued a career in fashion, serving as a photo editor at City Magazine and working at Williamsburg's perennially hip Beacon's Closet vintage and consignment store for several years. The store closed on Monday in the wake of her death as her co-workers mourned their beloved friend's passing. Others posted reflections on her Facebook page. "You were really amazing and impossibly warm and always down for a lark," wrote one friend. "I'll miss you very very much. Dance partners forever."

Bank robber tries the old 'Get down!' trick

94TH PRECINCT

Greenpoint—Northside
A lone bank robber tried to hold up an HSBC branch on Bedford Avenue on March 29—but the teller called his bluff. Instead, the hapless perp pretended he had a gun and shouted, "Get down, stay down!" He approached one man at 2 pm, who threw him his

wallet with \$40 and another who gave him his phone, before he fled toward N. Third Street. **Bag man** Three perps stole a man's laptop bag and phone on April 2, but they were quickly arrested. The perps approached the man at 4:10 am near N. Ninth Street, and one said, "Give me the phone, give me everything."

The victim tried to flee, but he tripped near Kent Avenue and dropped his stuff. Police found the perps shortly thereafter. **Whither iPhone** A perp hit a woman's head and stole her iPhone near Withers Street on April 2. The woman had left a bar near Graham Avenue at 3:20 am, and the perp was following her. When the coast was clear, he sneaked up and hit her on the back of the head, taking her stuff. **Hour stuff** A perp stole a laptop and camera from a Frost Street apartment on March 30. The resident told cops that she left her unit, near Graham Avenue, at around 7 pm, but when she returned just one hour later, the stuff was gone. **Bad wheels** A car was swiped and another looted last week: • A thief swiped a laptop from a car on N. 11th Street early on April 2. The owner told cops that he'd parked near Wythe Avenue at 12:30 am and returned a few hours later to find the equipment gone. • A thief stole an old Oldsmobile from Withers Street on April 1. The owner told cops that he'd parked the an-

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cient auto near Union Avenue at 1 pm, but five hours later, it was gone. — Aaron Short

90TH PRECINCT

Southside—Bushwick
Boerum killed A perp shot a man inside his Boerum Street apartment on April 2 at 5:30 am — its bullet just grazing the top of his head. The victim was taken to Bellevue Hospital three hours later from his apartment near Manhattan Avenue. **Bar punch** A fight inside a Hope Street bar on March 31 led to the arrest of one man. The victim told cops that he was leaving the bar near Roebling Street at 4 am when a thug punched him in the face and tried to take his phone. The would-be thief fled toward the back of the bar, where cops easily found and handcuffed him. **Phone slap** A thief swiped a woman's

phone on Wythe Avenue on March 30. The woman got into an argument with the perp at 9:30 pm near Grand Street, when he grabbed her phone from her jacket. She tried to get it back, but he hit her and ran away. **Empty pockets** Three perps held up a man at Roebling Street on April 2, but were quickly arrested. The man was on S. First Street at 3 am when the three robbers surrounded him and one said, "Empty your pockets." The posse took his iPhone and cash, and fled, but were picked up by police later that day. **Many burglaries** At least three homes were broken into last week. Here are the sordid details: • A thief broke into an Ainslie Street apartment near Keap Street at 3 am on March 28, grabbing a laptop, an iPhone and an iPad, arousing its tenants and their dog. • A thief stole a laptop from a S. Second Street apartment

at 11 pm on March 30, waking its tenant before slipping out through the fire escape to Marcy Avenue. • A thief stole \$200 from an unlocked Broadway apartment on March 28 while its tenant was away. When she returned to the apartment at 10 am, she found it was gone. **Road report** A thief swiped a camera and lens from a car on Metropolitan Avenue on April 2. The equipment's owner told cops that he'd parked near Kent Avenue at 2 pm, but when he returned two hours later, he found that his window was broken and his stuff was gone. **Bike division** A thief swiped a bike from the hallway of a Division Avenue apartment building on April 3. The owner said he was away from the building near Berry Street for just an hour. — Aaron Short

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene—Clinton Hill
Pistol whip A cruel crook pistol-whipped a 32-year-old woman during a botched March 28 robbery at the corner of Myrtle Avenue and St. Edwards Street. The victim was on her way home at 9:55 pm when the

40-year-old thief jumped her, demanding her property. The victim screamed as the thief tried to take her wedding ring. In retaliation, the goon struck the woman with the butt of his gun and ran off. **Cell snag** A 15-year-old thief swiped a 30-year-old woman's cellphone at the corner of Clermont and Flushing avenues on March 31—but was arrested before he could call anyone. The victim was walking to a nearby train station at 5:30 pm when the thief grabbed hold of her BlackBerry. After a brief tug of war, the thief ran off with the phone, but the victim chased after him—flagging down a passing police officer during the heated pursuit. **Cheesy crime** What a dirty rat! A thief palmed a 33-year-old woman's purse on March 26 as his victim celebrated her son's birthday at the Chuck E. Cheese restaurant/game arcade on Flatbush Avenue. The woman put her purse on a chair inside the eatery between Hanson Place and Atlantic Avenue at 2:30 pm. When she returned to her chair a few hours later, her bag was gone. — Thomas Tracy

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Kids ♥ Japan

By **Shavana Abruzzo**
The Brooklyn Paper

Japanese quake victims have a concerned friend in PS 107 students, who teamed up with parents and staffers to hold a creative fundraiser for the ravaged nation—using an ancient art form to raise more than \$1,000 in just three days for the Land of the Rising Sun.

The big-hearted Park Slopers made cool paper figures, employing the traditional Japanese art of paper-folding called origami which dates back to the 17th century, later proudly assembling the geometrical shapes—among them, cranes, cats, boxes and flowers—on tables outside the Eighth Avenue school to solicit donations for the Japan Society, which is sending money directly to charities on the ground there.

School mom Miekko Takahashi, who hails from the southwestern city of Kobe, came up with the idea of a benefit, echoing the sentiments of other parents when she announced it at a recent meeting of the Parent Teacher Association, whose co-president Mary Vines suggested the origami angle.

The two women enlisted the help of association co-president Julie Fissinger, and soon the triumvirate was leading paper-folding workshops in class, inspiring students to go the extra mile for the March 11 catastrophe, which killed more than 11,000 people (so far).

The figures are a poignant keepsake for their new owners, including school secretary Donna Bruno, who bought a paper crane—symbolizing peace and healing in Japanese culture—which she keeps on top of her desk at work.

“It was nice of the children to take their time,” she said.



Photo by Tom Callan

Third graders (from left) Lucy Adelman, Isabel Lapidus and Jesse Orkin display their origami masterpieces.

Squatter beats landlord

77TH PRECINCT

Prospect Heights

A squatter beat up a landlord on Sterling Place on April 2.

The property owner told cops that some of his tenants had complained about a group of squatters living in the building, near Washington Avenue, so he went to investigate at 4:10 pm.

That's when he discovered a man living in the basement free of charge. He told the freeloader to get lost, but the squatter punched him in the face instead, leaving him with a swollen right eye.

Cops arrested the 41-year-old man the same day.

Lady whackers

Two thugs roughed up a lady on Sterling Place on March 30.

The 26-year-old woman told cops she was walking home near Butler Place at 8:45 pm, when two ruffians ran up from behind. One punched her in the face, leaving her with a bloody nose and a black eye.

No me gusta

A horrible scoundral snatched some tips from hard-working employees at a Mexican restaurant on Vanderbilt Avenue on March 30.

A 22-year-old bartender told cops she was working at Pequena, a hip and delicious restaurant near Bergen Street, at around 9:20 pm, when someone snatched \$70 from the tip jar.

Toyota snatch

A crook jacked a weather-worn car from Lincoln Place on March 31.

The 42-year-old driver told cops that she parked her red 1990 Toyota Camry at 8 pm, then came back the next morning at 7 am. That's when she discovered that her ancient auto was gone.

Another 21-year-old Camry was stolen in Park Slope two days later.

Cops hunting Windsor Terrace bank robber

By **Thomas Tracy**
The Brooklyn Paper

What a shady character!

Police say this sunglasses-sporting goon is the mystery man who swiped \$7,000 from a Windsor Terrace bank on March 3.

Cops say that the five-foot-nine, 200-pound man—who sports dreadlocks that peek out from his knit-cap—entered the Sovereign Bank branch on Prospect Park West between Prospect Avenue and Windsor Place at 1:20 pm and slipped a threatening note to an unsuspecting teller.

Investigators did not disclose what was written, but it must have been pretty persuasive: The teller quickly handed over all the cash in her drawer.

The thief ran off and remains at large.

Anyone with information regarding this man's identity is urged to contact Crime Stoppers at (800) 577-8477 or by visiting the Crime Stoppers website. Police say that all calls will be kept confidential.



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78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

Holy name

Police said this week that two more patients at New York Methodist Hospital have had their stuff stolen while they recuperated in a bed at the Sixth Street medical center.

•According to police reports, a thief swiped a woman's bag from a third-floor waiting room when the bag was unattended for just 10 minutes at around 2 pm on March 31. The woman told cops that she lost various cards and \$20.

•Another patient had her cellphone stolen sometime during her treatment on Feb. 16, police reported. She didn't notify cops until she got a \$1,300 bill in March.

Road retort

At least three motor vehicles were swiped last week:

•A thief nabbed a 2004 Jaguar from Seventh Street overnight on April 1. The owner told cops he'd parked between Fourth and Fifth avenues at 7 pm, but the stately wheels were gone by 7 the next morning.

•A motorized scooter was swiped from Warren Street between March 27 and 29. The owner said he'd parked between Fourth and Fifth avenues.

•Yet another specimen of the greatest car model ever—the 1990 Toyota Camry—was swiped from Garfield Place overnight on April 2. The owner of this legendary set of wheels told cops that he'd parked the much-desired 21-year-old car near Seventh Avenue at 11:30 am,

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Students: Free Ms. Milo

Say Fort Ham teacher was just joking about ‘Columbine’

By Michelle Manetti
for The Brooklyn Paper

Students are rallying behind an unhinged art teacher who threatened to turn Fort Hamilton HS into another Columbine — and are planning a school-wide walkout Friday to protest her arrest.

High-schoolers apparently don’t believe Sabrina Milo, who has taught at the Shore Road school for more than a decade, would threaten their lives, and are willing to risk disciplinary action to prove it.

“Ms. Milo jokes around all the time,” said senior Yasmin Salem. “I know she wasn’t serious when she said it.”

Other students wholeheartedly agreed.

“There are so many teachers in this school who say things like this and they don’t get arrested,” added senior Omar Elsayed, who took Milo’s Core Art class last year. “It’s understandable, teaching is stressful. But if it wasn’t for Ms. Milo, I wouldn’t be graduating High School, so I owe her a lot.”

The walkout is expected to take place on April 8 around noon, exactly one week after police arrested Milo for threatening to smuggle a machine gun under a trench coat — a direct reference to the 1999 Columbine High School massacre — and “settle some scores.”

“It will be Columbine all over again,” she told a handful of co-

workers inside the school’s teacher’s lounge, according to court records. Witnesses said Milo was sobbing at the time, leading them to believe she was serious.

Police charged Milo with making terrorist threats. She faces five years in prison if convicted.

Defense attorney Andrew Stoll said the charges against Milo were ridiculous.

“No reasonable person who knows Ms. Milo would have believed she meant what she said,” Stoll said, calling the would-be threats “an exaggerated personal venting.”

Many said Milo appeared on edge in the hours leading up to her arrest. Some even believe that the art teacher was being “bullied” by Principal Jo Ann Chester and her administration before she made her outlandish comments.

One teacher, who wouldn’t give his name, said Milo was under a lot of pressure. Chester, he explained, “goes after a lot of people.”

“It’s hard being a teacher at this school,” he said.

Repeated phone calls to Chester for comment were not returned.

If the students follow through with their walkout, Milo won’t be there to see it: she’s been suspended and is banned from classrooms until the charges against her have been cleared, a Department of Education spokesman said.



Fort Hamilton HS sophomore Yasmin Salem shows off the flyer announcing the walkout.

Still, Milo was greeted with an outpouring of support from both former and current students when she made her \$100,000 bail Sunday.

“I’m not sure I would have been accepted to the art colleges I applied to or received the scholarships and grants that I did without her help and guidance,” said Michelle Farkouh, who graduated Fort Hamilton in 2009. “I’m truly indebted to her and shocked by what is currently happening.”

It didn’t take long for a Facebook

page honoring Milo to surface.

“This is insane,” wrote Milo fan Emel Kaya. “It probably was an April Fool’s joke gone too far. I doubt she meant any harm.”

Milo had never been arrested before Friday, but the Department of Education did reassign her last year after a student claimed the art teacher had swatted her hand with a ruler.

Discussing that exchange this week, Milo’s students claimed that it was also blown out of proportion.

— with Thomas Tracy

NEW YORKKIE

Rep. Grimm adopts four-legged friend

By Thomas Tracy
The Brooklyn Paper

Like they always said — if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.

Rep. Michael Grimm (R–Bay Ridge) lived up to the old Beltway adage when he adopted a rescued Yorkie from the Humane Society of the United States on March 30.

The dog, which Grimm named Sebastian, was one of more than 100 pups that the Humane Society rescued from a Missouri puppy mill. He’s expected to be the mascot of the freshman lawmaker’s D.C. office.

“I’m a dog lover and I fully support improving animal welfare,” the Desert Storm veteran and former FBI agent told us as little Sebastian nestled in the crook of his arm. “I couldn’t think of a better way to do that than by adopting a rescue dog. I look forward to giving Sebastian a great new home.”

We had to ask: Sebastian? Why not Gipper, or even Ranger, in honor of President George H.W. Bush’s dog?

“I like Sebastian,” he said.



Rep. Michael Grimm greets one of his smallest constituents — his newly adopted Yorkie, Sebastian.

Cops nab robber

By Alex Rush
The Brooklyn Paper

The holiday is over for at least one Bay Ridge bank robber.

The feds have arrested the man dubbed “The Holiday Bandit” for robbing nine banks in New York and New Jersey during the season of giving — including the Ridgewood Savings Bank on Third Avenue on Dec. 23.

Authorities nabbed 35-year-old Marat Mikhaylich in Queens at around 9:30 am on Monday after spotting a gold Toyota Camry that the 6-foot-5 Ukrainian native allegedly stole after completing a heist in New Jersey, a western suburb. He’ll be arraigned in Brooklyn federal court later today.

“The Holiday Bandit’s three-month bank robbery spree has come to an end,” said FBI Assistant Director in Charge Janice Fedarcyk. “This should serve as a stark reminder to anyone who wishes to brandish a weapon, rob a bank, and put the lives of innocent civilians at risk: we will find you and bring you to justice.”

Mikhaylich, who has no prior criminal record and no known address, allegedly did most of his dirty deeds in Staten Island and Queens, but hit Brooklyn twice.

In the Bay Ridge crime, cops say that Mikhaylich en-



Cops say they have caught Marat Mikhaylich, who robbed banks, including two in Brooklyn.

tered the bank, which is between 85th and 86th streets, at about 10 am and handed the teller a note.

“This is a robbery,” it said. “I have a gun. Give me all the money.”

The teller did as he was told, but the thief wasn’t satisfied, pulling out his gun, waving it at the other tellers and forcing one to give him more money. In the end, Mikhaylich made off with more than \$4,300, cops said.

Mikhaylich is also accused of robbing Capital One Bank on 13th Avenue near 46th Street in Kensington.

Armed mug on Bay Ridge Ave

POLICE BLOTTER

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68TH PRECINCT

Bay Ridge–Dyker Heights

Some thug robbed a woman at gunpoint on Bay Ridge Avenue on April 2. The 20-year-old victim told cops that she was between Third and Fourth avenues at around 1 am when an unknown thief approached, flashed his burner and said, “Give me all you got.”

After the armed demand, he grabbed her bag, which contained a phone, cash and cards, and fled.

Raw deal

Someone broke into a Fifth Avenue sushi restaurant on April 3 to steal \$1,500.

The owner of Shobu Sushi near 95th Street told cops that the eatery closed at 1 am, but the next morning, workers discovered that the back door lock had been picked and the cash was gone.

Un-well center

Someone stole an envelope of cash from a Third Avenue spa on March 29.

Cops say that \$1,540 was taken from The Green Spa and Wellness Center, which is between 88th and 89th streets, when the shop was still open at around 8 pm.

Third Ave heist

Someone broke into a Third Avenue apartment between March 27 and April 1 to pull off a major heist, stealing cash, jewelry and electronics.

The victim told cops that he was away from his home, which is between 72nd and 73rd streets, for four days. When he returned, he saw that his dough, two laptops, Playstation, ring and two phones were gone.

— Alex Rush

62ND PRECINCT

Bensonhurst

Bungled

Three bone-headed thieves

tried to rob a 44-year-old bicyclist on 85th Street on March 31 — but ended up behind bars.

The victim was pedaling toward 24th Avenue at 6:44 pm when the thieves knocked him off his bike.

They were trying to rob the man of his cash when cops rolled up and arrested them.

Comb clash

A 17-year-old was arrested on March 28 for cutting up another teen’s face during a dispute over a comb.

Police said the teen and his victim, who is also 17, were arguing over the comb, which the suspect allegedly stole, outside a deli near 79th Street and 16th Avenue on Jan. 14.

The two started fighting, and the suspect smashed his victim in the face with a glass bottle, leaving deep facial lacerations.

Shoplifter slice

A shoplifter made off with several electric items from an 86th Street Rite Aid on March 29 after he pulled a knife on a store security guard.

The thief flashed the knife at 1:07 pm as he made his way through the doors of the store, which is between Bay 10th and Bay 11th streets.

Purse grab

A thug made off with a woman’s purse on March 27 after kicking the hapless 23-year-old to the ground on 68th Street.

The victim was between 19th and 20th avenues at 9 pm when the suspect ran by, snagging her purse.

The woman refused to let go of her bag until the thief began kicking her in the legs, causing her to lose her balance.

— Thomas Tracy

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BOOK

Buy a Vowell

Most people go to Hawaii to sit on the beach and drink mai tais. Sarah Vowell goes to Hawaii to sit in state archives and read letters from the early 1800s.



"I would come home and [people] would be like, 'Why don't you have a tan?'" Vowell said. "Why? [Because] I just spent three weeks in the Hawaii State Archives wearing a cardigan."

But thanks to her tan-free skin, we get "Unfamiliar Fishes," Vowell's fifth book,

which looks at the decades leading up to the annexation of Hawaii in 1898 and the "orgy" of imperialism that followed, including invasions of Cuba and the Philippines and takeovers of Guam and Puerto Rico.

It may not drag you off of a beach in Hawaii, but when Vowell reads at the Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch on April 10, we highly recommend you don your cardigan and spend the afternoon with her indoors, among the archives.

Sarah Vowell at the Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], April 10 at 1:30 pm. Free. For info, visit www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

— Meredith Deliso

CIRCUS

Curious show

For 10 days, Sideshows by the Seashore lives up to its name with the Congress of Curious Peoples, a festival of freaks, esoteric lectures, films and down-right bizarre performances from April 8 to 17.

With so much to choose from, what we're most looking forward to is the April 9 and 10 variety show, starring Koko the Killer Clown; the fire- and pain-proof Nati the Patchwork Girl; bearded lady and machete juggler Jennifer Miller; and Li'l Miss Firefly, the world's smallest fire eater. It's classic sideshow acts, all in one night.

If you're looking for more pyrotechnics, the God of Fire himself, Flambeaux, brings his flame-throwing act to the sideshow on April 11.

And, for a blast from the past, the alumni of the Coney Island freak scene — including The Great Fredini, a sword swallower and human blockhead; fire eater Christine Hellish; and snake charmer Satina — will perform on April 16 and 17. It's Coney Island history, right before your eyes.

Congress of Curious Peoples at Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159], April 8-17. All-inclusive pass available for \$75 in advance. For info, visit www.coneyisland.com.

— Meredith Deliso

DINING

Beef & beer

The Brooklyn Beefsteak is back.

That glorious celebration of beef and booze — a link to Tammany Hall politicians who invented the all-you-can-eat-and-drink beef feast to buy votes — returns to the Bell House on April 10.

Today, not much has changed — except organizers Derek Silverman and Andrew Dermont, who revived the beefsteak for Brooklyn carnivores three years ago, aren't trying to bribe you into doing anything except having a raucous good time.

To that end, they'll have nearly 1,000 pounds of beef, and ever-flowing pitchers of McSorley's suds.

Adding to the jovial atmosphere will be old-timey music by the Susquehanna Industrial Tool and Die Co. Communal sing-along is mandatory (though you can sing with your mouth full, of course).

Brooklyn Beefsteak at the Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], April 10, 1-4 pm and 5-8 pm. Tickets \$50 per person. For info, visit www.brooklynbeefsteak.com.

— Meredith Deliso

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Hello Gowanus

This once-forlorn industrial area is hot hot hot

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

Williamsburg is the party kid of blossoming industrial neighborhoods, but Gowanus is the self-confident thirty-something coming into his own.

In the past, the warehouse and factory-dotted neighborhood — which is home to a smattering of art and music studios, just west of Park Slope — was too gritty for even the bravest bar and restaurant owners.

That left aging creative types with nowhere to grab a beer or a sandwich after a day spent painting.

But in the past nine months, a string of quirky-cute restaurants, bars and shops have sprouted along Third Avenue, where the sound of jam sessions booms amid a desert of vacant buildings.

"Working on your art all day can be isolating," said Edward Colley, who last month opened Halyards bar, near Sixth Street. "I wanted to open a place you can come for conversation after work — where the talking might evolve into a party."

Whether it's glass of peated Scotch or a slice of salted apple pie you're hunting, you'll need help navigating the strip, which is on fire between Third and 14th streets. Here you go:

1. Farmer's Market at the Old American Can Factory

On Sundays, there's a treat inside the Old American Can Factory, where a group of upstate farmers gathers to sell home-grown goodies. The market boasts organic produce, hand-stuffed tamales, free-range duck, ash-coated goat cheese and a million other delicious goodies.

Friendly farmers — from Chaseholm Farm Creamery, Hudson Valley Duck Farm and Joseph Fisheries — offer free samples along with insights about how to be a happy and ethical omnivore.

Old American Can Factory [232 Third St. at Third Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 237-4335]

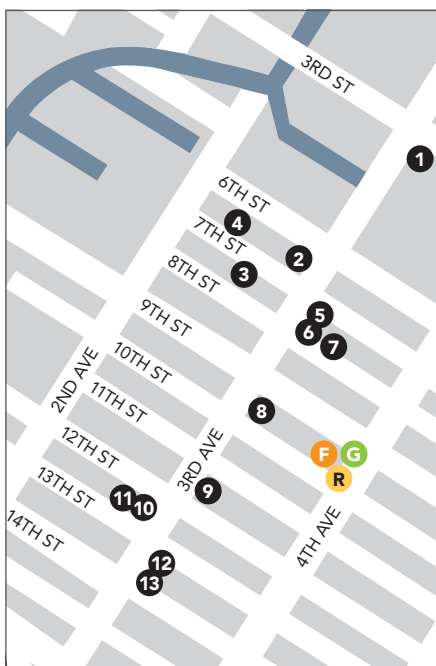
2. Halyards

This quiet, Minimalist bar feels like your best friend's living room — if your pal were obsessed with the perfect glass of Scotch. Inside, neighbors sip the best of "the brown liquors" — some distilled from bog water — while munching slow-roasted pork sandwiches accompanied by a rare record collection. Instead of handing customers a phonebook-sized booze



Photo by Kristen V. Brown

Super fun: (Above) Sisters Emily and Melissa Elsen are the masterminds behind the Four and Twenty Blackbirds pie shop in Gowanus, one of the best places to grab a slice in the city, let alone Gowanus. (Top from left to right) Bartender Edward Colley at Third Avenue's new whiskey bar Halyards, Victoria Zagami at Made in Heaven Cakes, kicking back at The Bell House and a coffee fix at Crop to Cup, .



menu, the owner picks just two unique bottles of each spirit, some so smoky and complex that you'll think you stuck your head into a barbecue pit. Glasses range from \$7 to \$9.

Halyards [406 Third Ave. between Fifth and Sixth avenues, (718) 532-8787]

3. The Bell House

The Bell House is the anchor and the granddaddy of Gowanus nightlife. Three years ago, the owners of Union Hall — the bookshelf-lined Park Slope bar and concert venue — opened this rock bar and lounge on the banks of the Gowanus canal. Now, even the cocktails are music-themed: The "Mellow Gold," a lemon and tequila concoction, is a nod to Beck's third album. "Tighten Up," a bourbon-and-ginger drink, was inspired by the bluesy Black Keys anthem.

The place is covered in retro wall paper, boasts a photo booth and has become an indie rock staple. Recent headliners include Neko Case, The New Pornographers and Andrew Bird.

The Bell House [149 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues, (718) 643-6510]

4. Mac Support Store

You don't need an appointment at this Mac-sanctioned tech support and repair center. Sandwiched between a sculpting studio and a non-profit, the shop offers prompt computer repair and sells Apple products for slightly lower than most than company retail stores. It also provides a drop-off "recycling center" — which looks like a computer graveyard — for old Macs.

Mac Support Store [168 Seventh St. between Second and Third avenues, (718) 312-8341]

5. Michael & Ping's

Last summer, Michael Bruno opened this fresh takeout joint and restaurant as a healthy alternative to sometimes greasy Chinese dishes. Owners offer "hormone-free" chicken and locally grown produce, explaining, "We don't believe in 'frozen

to fryer food." Dishes include Cantonese pork meatballs with cumin dipping sauce for \$6.75 and grilled lemongrass chicken with cabbage for \$8.50.

Michael & Ping's [437 Third Ave. between Seventh and Eighth Streets in Gowanus, (718) 788-0017]

6. Four & Twenty Blackbirds

The sign on the door reads, "This must be where pies go when they die." And it's true: It's baked-good heaven. At this sisters-run pie shop, customers sit at long wooden tables with laptops, near a chalkboard that heralds the amazing pies of the day. Melissa and Emily Elsen's choices include a slice of salted caramel apple that would make Betty Crocker blush, a savory "famer's cream" and a buttery cranberry sage that comes with whipped cream for \$4.50.

The Elsens also offer homemade granola and pastries — but just get there early; the goodies run out by the afternoon.

Four & Twenty Blackbirds [439 Third St. See GOWANUS on page 8

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WHERE TO GO

EDITORS' PICKS

SATURDAY
April 9

17 + 50

Folk hero Janis Ian is still going strong after nearly 50 years on the music scene. And now, the Grammy Award-winning songwriter behind such enduring hits as "Jesse," "Society's Child," and the famous "At 17" brings her skillful guitar playing and soulful voice to the First Unitarian Church for — what else? — an acoustic set.

8 pm. Janis Ian at the First Unitarian Church [50 Pierrepont St. near Hicks Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-5466]. Tickets \$30. For info, visit www.firstacoustics.org.

TUESDAY
April 12

Damn Scot

Look, we wouldn't be doing our job if we didn't alert you to every single production of that Scottish play. The Brooklyn Academy of Music, which only recently rocked our worlds with the Patrick Stewart version of Shakespeare's most famous work, now presents British company Cheek by Jowl's searing production. We're told it's gore-free, which is a bit disappointing, but who needs blood with a play this good?

7:30 pm. "Macbeth." BAM Harvey [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100]. Tickets, \$25-\$70. For info, visit www.bam.org.

WEDNESDAY
April 13

59 reasons

Irina Danilova and Hiram Levy's exploration of the number 59 sounds silly, but the result is a refreshing exercise in art for art's sake. Among all the pieces — such as a Saltine punched through with 59 holes, — is our favorite: "59 Brides," which consists of 59 photos of Levy with brides found all over the globe.

Noon–6 pm. "Project 59" at SET Gallery [287 Third Ave. between Carroll and President streets in Gowanus, (718) 852-7609]. Show runs through April 23, open Wednesday to Sunday. For info, visit www.setgallery.org.

THURSDAY
April 14

No Bum

Yes, everyone loves the Brooklyn Dodgers, but what made them even more a part of the borough was Ebbets Field, which played just as important a role as Jackie, Pee Wee and the Duke in establishing the romance of the team. Join historian Bob McGee as he relives the experience of the much-missed ballyard.

2:30 pm. Bob McGee reads from "The Greatest Ballpark Ever: Ebbets Field and the Story of the Brooklyn Dodgers" at the Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111]. Donation, \$5.

SATURDAY
April 16

Road hog

Borough President Markowitz is taking his anti-bike lane stance to the musical stage as part of "Thalia Follies: A Political Cabaret" at the Kingsborough Performing Arts Center [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596]. Tickets \$25. For info, visit www.kcccpac.org.

8 pm. "Thalia Follies: A Political Cabaret" at the Kingsborough Performing Arts Center [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5596]. Tickets \$25. For info, visit www.kcccpac.org.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, APRIL 8

MUSIC, CAPTAIN BEEFHEART TRIBUTE: Multiple musical performances, led by Gary Lucas. \$20. 7 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], ny.knittingfactory.com.

THEATER, "MACBETH": Shakespeare's tale of murder, mayhem and intrigue. \$25-\$70. 7:30 pm. BAM Harvey Theater [651 Fulton St. at Rockwell Place in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "GUYS AND DOLLS": It's the musical version of Damon Runyon's classic stories about the city's colorful underbelly. \$18, \$15 students and seniors. 8 pm. The Block Theater [376 Bay 44th St. near Shore Parkway in Bay Ridge, (347) 492-0534], www.uniondocs.org.

THEATER, "URINETOWN — THE MUSICAL!": The Brooklyn Players Community Musical Theater kicks off with this satirical show. \$15-\$18. 8 pm. Gowanus Arts Space [295 Douglass St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Gowanus], www.uniondocs.org.

MUSIC, BEACH FOSSILS AND CRAFT SPELLS: \$12. 9 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400], www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com.

MUSIC, KARAOKE: Free. Midnight. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

SAT, APRIL 9

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

TOUR, PARK SLOPE: Explore Brooklyn's "Gold Coast." \$15, \$12 seniors and students. 2 pm. Montauk Club [25 Eighth Ave. at Lincoln Place in Park Slope, (888) 606-9255], www.bigionion.com.

PERFORMANCE

DANCE, "FOOL'S GOLD": Performed by the Covenant Ballet Theatre of Brooklyn. \$20, (\$17, seniors and children 12 and under; \$15 for 10 or more in a group). 2 and 8 pm. Kingsborough Community College [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhattan Beach, (718) 368-5000], www.kingsborough.edu.

THEATER, "URINETOWN: The Musical!": 2 and 8 pm. See Friday, April 8.

THEATER, "MACBETH": 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 8.

MUSIC, BETTY BUCKLEY — BROADWAY BY REQUEST: \$75-\$55. 8 pm. Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts at Brooklyn College [2900 Campus Rd. at Hillel Place in Flatbush, (718) 951-4500], www.brooklyncenteronline.org.

MUSIC, LUCINDA BLACK BEAR, KERRY KENNEDY & GHOSTWISE, THE BOTTOMS OF OUR HEARTS: \$14. 8 pm. Union Hall [702 Union St. at Fifth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 638-4400], www.unionhallny.com.

Angels among us: The Black Angels play the Music Hall of Williamsburg on April 9.

MUSIC, DANNY KALB: \$20, \$15 for members. 8 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300], www.green-wood.com.

THEATER, "GUYS AND DOLLS": 8 pm. See Friday, April 8.

MUSIC, THE BLACK ANGELS: \$20. 9 pm. Music Hall of Williamsburg [66 N. Sixth St. between Kent and Wythe avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 486-5400], www.musichallofwilliamsburg.com.

CIVIC CALENDAR

SAT, APRIL 9

Murray Adams memorial. 3 pm. Brooklyn Friends Meetinghouse [110 Schermerhorn St. in Downtown, (718) 852-1029], www.brooklynfriends.org.

MON, APRIL 11

Community Board 2 Parks and Recreation Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. Brooklyn Hospital [121 DeKalb Ave. at St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 596-5410], www.cb2k@nyc.rr.com.

TUES, APRIL 12

Community Board 2 Transportation and Public Safety Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 596-5410], www.cb2k@nyc.rr.com.

Community Board 1. Combined public hearing and board meeting. 6:30 pm. Swingin' Sixties Senior Center [211 Ainslie St. at

Manhattan Avenue in Williamsburg, (718) 389-0009], www.cb1brooklyn.org.

WED, APRIL 13

Community Board 2. Full board meeting. 6 pm. Brooklyn Hospital [121 DeKalb Ave. at St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 596-5410].

Community Board 6. Full board meeting. 6:30 pm. Prospect Park Residence [1 Prospect Park West between President and Union streets in Park Slope, (718) 643-3027], www.brooklyn.cb6.org.

THURS, APRIL 14

Brooklyn Bridge Rotary Club. Weekly meeting. 12:15 pm. Brooklyn Marriott [333 Adams St. in Downtown, (917) 804-0797].

Bay Ridge Democrats. On the agenda: Former Rep. Mike McMahon. 7:30 pm. Good Shepherd Church [7420 Fourth Ave. at 74th Street in Bay Ridge], www.bayridgedemocrats.org.

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am–6 pm. PS 9 (80 Underhill Ave. between St. Marks Avenue and Bergen Street in Prospect Heights), www.prospectheightscraftfair.com/index.html.

GREENCYCLE SWAP: Clothing, shoes, books, toys, bikes, computers, electronics, phones and household items. Free. 1–4 pm. PS 110 [124 Monitor St. corner of Driggs Avenue in Williamsburg, (347) 559-1410], www.townsquareinc.com.

SUN, APRIL 10

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "URINETOWN: The Musical!": 2 pm. See Friday, April 8.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: 3 pm. See Friday, April 8.

THEATER, "MACBETH": 3 pm. See Friday, April 8.

MUSIC, THE JOHN DOYLE TRIO: Baroque concert. \$15 (\$20 non-members). 4–6 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

FILM, BUSTER KEATON SHORTS: With live accompaniment by the Red Hook Ramblers. \$10. 8 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, CLASSICAL CONCERT: With Mattia Ormetto, piano. \$35 (\$30 senior, \$15 student). 8 pm. Bargemusic [Fulton Ferry Landing, Old Fulton Street and Furman Street in DUMBO, (718) 624-2083], www.bargemusic.org.

SALES AND MARKETS

CARROLL GARDENS GREENMARKET: 8 am–6 pm. [Carroll and Smith streets in Carroll Gardens, (212) 788-7476], www.grownyc.org.

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, April 9.

EASTER FAIR: 9 am–4 pm. See Saturday, April 9.

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READING, SARAH VOWELL: Author of "Unfamiliar Fishes." Free. 1:30 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100].

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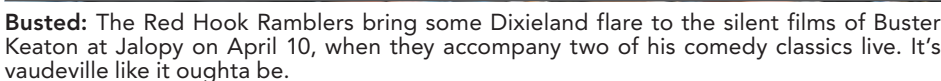
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By Meredith Deliso
The Brooklyn Paper

"Buster Keaton's comedy was

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Cheers: Susan Groberg (left) and Valeri O'Hara star as aging actresses living out their last act in Noel Coward's "Waiting in the Wings."

But once it does, the laughs don't stop — thanks mostly to actress Margaret Sullivan, who brings out all of Coward's funniest one-liners with a biting Irish brogue in her role as Deirdre O'Malley. Other standout performances include Bill Wood's Osgood Meeker, a lovesick movie fan who makes a daily pilgrimage to the Wings to visit one of its bedridden residents, and Elizabeth Bove's Miss Archie, the former drill sergeant who runs the whole place.

“Waiting in the Wings”

"Waiting in the Wings" at the Heights Players [26 Willow Pl. between State and Joralemon streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 237-2752], through April 17; Fridays-Saturdays at 8 pm; Sundays at 2 pm. Tickets \$15. For info, visit www.heightsplayers.org.

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7. Brooklyn Homebrew

Beer freaks rejoice at this tiny, utilitarian brew shop. Here, you can choose from dozens of bulk hops and malt blends, which are sold by weight and stored in massive plastic tubs that make the shop smell a little like dog food. Beer-brewing newbies can opt for homebrew “gallon kits” that come with siphons, “blow off” tubes and creative blends such as “peanut butter porter” for \$135.
Homebrew [163 Eighth St. at Third Avenue, (718) 369-0776]

8. Bar Tano

This modern European-style bar and café is arguably the best place on the strip to go solo. But whether you're dining stag or grabbing a post-concert pizza with friends, everything about this orange-hued, ready-for-a-movie shoot bar is homey and comfortable. The grub is scrumptious and includes pappardelle with short rib ragu for \$14 along with a juicy panini burger for \$11. It's Gowanus's little slice of Italy.
Bar Tano [357 Third Ave. at Ninth Street, (718) 499-3400]

9. Brooklyn Dance Project

Founded by ballet dancer Karine Newborn, this bright and intimate



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Brew it: Brooklyn Homebrew owner Benjamin Stutz will hook you up with everything you need to make beer at home.

studio offers everything from “toddler hip-hop” classes to Vinyasa yoga sessions. Newborn hosts birthday parties and offer a two-week performance art camp for \$280.
Brooklyn Dance Project [495 Third Ave. at 11th Street, (718) 499-5402]

10. Draft Barn

Don't let the “hot beer” sign scare you away; this place is the Holy Grail

of hops and malt. The cherry-noted “sake of beer” is just one of 320 beer choices, which range from \$5 domestics to a rare \$2,000 bottle of Sam Adams Utopia.

The spacious bar has tall wooden booths along with a towering wall of beer bottles. If you're a fan of chocolatey stouts, we recommend the Keegan Ale's Mother's Milk for \$6, which tastes like a dessert for big kids.
Draft Barn [530 Third Ave. between 12th and 13th streets, (718) 768-0515]

11. Made in Heaven Cakes

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The family-owned cake “boutique” — which specializes in towering wedding cakes — has stayed under the radar, despite write-ups in “Country Living” and “Brides Magazine.” (Not to mention a cake cameo in the Ashton Kutcher flick, “What Happens in Vegas.”)

Owner Lisa Zagami has been in the business for 17 years and opened three years ago on Third Avenue, where she makes a mean Devil's Food cake with cappuccino mousse and a delightful vanilla buttercream and chocolate ganache cupcake for \$4.
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12. Crop to Cup

If you've never heard of coffee with “notes of blueberry,” it's time to check out this environmentally con-

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3–4 pm. PowerHouse Arena [37 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049], www.powerhousearena.com.

FILM, “THE HOLOCAUST IN FILM”: A.O. Scott leads this four-week lecture series. \$20 a session, \$60 for the full series. 7 pm. Park Slope Jewish Center [1420 Eighth Ave. at 14th Street in Park Slope, (718) 768-1453], www.psjc.org.

MON, APRIL 11

READING, KATE CHRISTENSEN: Author of “The Great Man” and “The Epicure's Lament.” Free. 4:30 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St., between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 489-5200].

READING, JANE MUSHABAC: Author of “Pasha: Ruminations of David Aroughetti.” Free. 5 pm. New York City College of Technology Klitgord Center Auditorium [285 Jay St. at Tillary Street in Downtown, (718) 260-5102], www.citytech.cuny.edu.

BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY BENEFIT: A dinner to support its library. \$2,500 per couple. 6–10 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at

Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklynhistory.org.

TALK, MINORITY FEMINISM: Led by a panel of prominent young feminist leaders. \$10. 7 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

COMEDY, DIVE COMEDY: Night of stand-up. Free. 9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

TUES, APRIL 12

TALK, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR: Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata talks about political and humanitarian crises in North Africa. 2:15–3:15 pm. Brooklyn College [Campus Road and 26th Street in Flatbush, (718) 951-5000], www.brooklyn.cuny.edu.

THEATER, “MACBETH”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 8.

READING, BARNET SCHECTER: Author of “George Washington's America — A Biography Through His Maps.” Free. 7:30 pm. The New Utrecht Parish House [1827 84th St. between 18th and 19th avenues in Bensonhurst, (718) 256-7173], www.historic-newutrecht.org.

WED, APRIL 13

WORKSHOP, “PITCHING SECRETS”: An education and social networking event for the music industry. \$10-\$15. 6–11 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropolitan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], ny.knittingfactory.com.

THEATER, “MACBETH”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 8.

THEATER, THE BOTTOM'S UP PLAYERS: Play readings. Free. 9 pm. Freddy's Bar [627 Fifth Ave. between 17th and 18th streets in Greenwood Heights, (718) 768-0131], www.freddysbar.com.

THURS, APRIL 14

READING, BOB MCGEE: Author of “The Greatest Ballpark Ever: Ebbets Field and the Story of the Brooklyn Dodgers.” \$5 donation. 2:30 pm. Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111], www.brooklyn-history.org.

TALK, CITY LIVING: Led by Greg Lindsay, author of “Aerotropolis — The Way We'll Live Next.” \$10. 7 pm. Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 222-8500], www.galapagosartspace.com.

THEATER, “MACBETH”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 8.

MUSIC, HANDSOME FURS, GRIMES: \$15. 8 pm. The Bell House [149 Seventh St. at Third Avenue in Gowanus, (718) 643-6510], www.thebellhouse.com.

THEATER, “GUYS AND DOLLS”: 8 pm. See Friday, April 8.

FILM, A SPECIAL SCREEN-

ING BY FILM ARCHIVIST/CURATOR RUSSELL SCHOLL: 8 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, TALL TALL TREES: American folk rock. 9 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

MUSIC, THE HOT HOLY MESS BAND: 10 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

MUSIC, ANDY STATMAN: \$10. 10 pm. Barbes [376 Ninth St. at Sixth Avenue in Park Slope, (718) 965-9177], www.barbesbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, VEVERTITSE BRASS BAND: \$10. 10:30 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz.

MUSIC, HOWARD FISHMAN: 11 pm. Pete's Candy Store [709 Lorimer St. at Richardson Street in Williamsburg, (718) 302-3770], www.petescandystore.com.

FRI, APRIL 15

THEATER, “GUYS AND DOLLS”: 8 p.m. See Friday, April 8.

“THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS”: 6:30 am–2 pm. See Friday, April 8.

CAROUSEL RIDE: Noon–5 pm. See Friday, April 8.

THEATER, “LOOKING GLASS REWONDERED”: 2 and 8 pm. See Thursday, April 14.

THEATER, “MACBETH”: 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 8.

MUSIC, BROOKLYN CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY: Performing pieces by John Harbison, Haydn and Frank Bridge. \$30, \$20 for students. 8 pm. Chapel of First Unitarian Church [Pierrepont Street between monroe Place and Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 858-0718], www.brooklynchambermusic-society.org.

SAT, APRIL 16

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, “LOOKING GLASS REWONDERED”: 2 pm. See Thursday, April 14.

THEATER, “MACBETH”: 2 and 7:30 pm. See Friday, April 8.

THEATER, “GUYS AND DOLLS”: 2 and 8 pm. See Friday, April 8.

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Cubs link daughters to my past



The Dad

By Scott Sager

what it is I want to share with my progeny, the word history comes to mind. Communal memories, an understanding of where their great-grandparents came from and the lives their kin lived, these all seem important to pass along. When your family stays put, this task is easy, then your daily life takes you past old schools, parks, landmarks of childhood and

born here.

Obviously, my girls don't complain about not being from Chicago. Brooklyn provides wonderful adventures and has been a vibrant setting for their early years. We've made annual excursions to Coney Island and festivals in the Brooklyn Botanic Garden; birthday parties at Two Boots and Puppetworks in Park Slope. These are all great, but I'd like to be able to share with them the landscape of my youth and history as well.

So I turn to the Cubs. We follow them in the paper and on TV. We buy baseball cards each year, sorting them for the familiar red "C" on the caps. My daughters have overpriced, "official" jerseys I bought them with "Sosa" and "Wood" on the backs. I whoop and holler at the games and enforce what might be termed the "Go Cubs" rule — root for them or go home.

But let's face it, making my kids cheer for a team isn't the same as passing on the essence of my past. It's a lazy substitute for the rich history of my family, which spent many generations in the Chicago area.

There's no easy answer. Vacations lead us to family and friends elsewhere, and even if I did take my children to Chicago, we'd end up doing the tourist stuff. Family photos and stories fill some of the gap, but they're always in my voice, which the kids tune out regularly. So I'm left with the Cubs — and the hope that, years from now, my daughters will take their children to a game and say, "Your grandfather was a big fan. You know he grew up in Chicago and so did his parents and their parents, your great-great grandparents..."

FAMILY CALENDAR

FRI, APRIL 8

4–5 pm: "Piglet's Big Movie." Free. Pacific Library [25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific Street in Park Slope, (718) 638-1531], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

SAT, APRIL 9

11 am–2 pm: Touch a truck! Kids can explore vehicles they see everyday, including fire trucks and police cars. \$5, children under 2 free. PS 295 [18th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues in Park Slope, (718) 965-0390].

12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: Puppet show, "Alice in Wonderland." Lewis Carroll's classic — with marionettes. \$8 (kids, \$7). Puppetworks [338 Sixth Ave. at Fourth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-3391], www.puppetworks.org.

1 pm: Musician Oran Etkin and jazz group Timbalooloo. Free. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Avenue at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100].

1:30 pm: Science workshop. Learn about electricity. Free with museum admission. New York Transit Museum [Boerum Place at Schermerhorn Street in Downtown, (718) 694-1600],

www.mta.info/mta/museum.

SUN, APRIL 10

11 am: Baby story time. Free. Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. between South Elliott Place and South Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200], greenlightbookstore.com.

12:30 pm and 2:30 pm: "Alice in Wonderland." See Saturday, April 9.

1:30 pm: Science workshop. See Saturday, April 9.

THURS, APRIL 14

11:30 am and 2:30 pm: Tales for tots. Free with museum admission. Brooklyn Children's Museum [145 Brooklyn Ave. at St. Marks Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 735-4400], www.brooklynkids.org.

FRI, APRIL 15

10:30 am: Pre-school story time. Classic books and songs. Free. Pacific Library [25 Fourth Ave. at Pacific Street in Boerum Hill, (718) 638-1531], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org.

SAT, APRIL 16

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"I thought it must be a joke, I was just so surprised," said Arnold Barkus, whose son Alistair will now be able to attend kindergarten blocks away from his home. "I'm relieved, but the problem isn't finished."

Indeed, the unprecedented five kindergarten classes will become five first grade classes next year, pushing a big rat through the snake

that is PS 107's crowded 100-year-old building.

Overcrowded kindergartens are certainly nothing new in the city's recent history, but the problem was especially acute at PS 107 and its neighbors. After finding out that they were on a waiting list, parents dashed to nearby schools to beg for seats that were already spo-

ken for, and PS 107 staff made home visits to weed out students whose didn't actually live in the school's zone.

Pat Mannino, a PS 107 administrator who visited homes to boot children whose parents lied about their addresses, said it's too soon to guarantee the rest of the wait list will be offered seats.

"We will send out letters as soon as people decline," she said. "We're working as quickly and as fairly as possible to alleviate parents' panic and frustration."

The Department of Education has said that kindergarten seats will open up as students are accepted into private schools or gifted and talented programs. Children

who don't get in to PS 107 will be offered a seat at a school as close to home as possible at the end of May.

Before PS 107 accepted 25 more children on Friday, three seats had already become available when two students were bumped after house visits and one opted for a different school.

This year was the first

time PS 107 could not accommodate all the in-zone children on its wait list, which also included the son of Marc Sternberg, an Education Department deputy chancellor who manages enrollment.

Barkus said that he couldn't get his son into 10 of the city's pre-K programs he applied to last year, so he

"spent a small fortune on pre-K." Now he's relieved.

"People move to Park Slope because they know their kids are going to make friends in the neighborhood," Barkus said. "There's a sense of community. Why should we have to leave our community to go to school? It goes against why we moved here in the first place."



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pect Park West [as] an ordinary bike lane,” he said. “That would enable the reduction of three travel lanes to two to continue, but lessen concerns about safety from the unusual bike lane with a parking lane separated from the curbside.”

Brennan’s sudden objection to the Prospect Park West cycle path — which was installed in July and has been hailed as a success in both reducing speeding and increasing safety for cyclists — came despite the results of a study that his office commissioned last month.

Forty-four percent of residents in Brennan’s random phone survey said they favor keeping the two-way cycle path on Prospect Park West exactly the way it is, while 25 percent favor keeping the bike lane, but “altering it” slightly.

Just 28 percent want the lane removed entirely, according to the poll, which was compiled from phone interviews on March 27 and 28 with 500 Park Slope and Windsor Terrace residents.

It is unclear what alterations would appease the 25 percent that favor some changes. Currently, the city is moving ahead with “rum-

ble strips” to warn cyclists of upcoming intersections, and raised pedestrian islands to improve safety.

As such, the Department of Transportation said it was surprised by Brennan’s call for bigger changes.

“Time and again, the community has affirmed its support for this project, and this poll shows that by nearly 3 to 1, residents near Prospect Park West want to keep or improve it,” said agency spokesman Seth Solomonow. “We continue to work with a very supportive community that wants to make this project even better and has proposed adding pedestrian islands and rumble strips for cyclists.”

Solomonow added that speeding and bicycling on the sidewalk “are down dramatically” and that car traffic on Prospect Park West “stayed the same or even improved.”

But in an interview with The Brooklyn Paper, Brennan accused the agency of twisting data.

“I am concerned that the city has been misleading the public on accident data,” he said. “The state Department of Motor Vehicles said there were 38 accidents on Prospect Park West from 2007-9. But over the same period,

the city said there were 89 ‘crashes.’ I think that 89 number is being used to mislead the public.”

Solomonow said that the higher statistic comes from the NYPD and represents “all crashes to which police responded, regardless of severity” as opposed to state data, which “includes only those crashes that involve injuries or property damage exceeding \$1,000.”

Since its installation in July, the two-way lane has been an ever-burning bush of controversy. Drivers have complained that the removal of one lane of car traffic has made for unhappy motoring, while some pedestrians say they feel less safe crossing a one-way street only to encounter a row of parked cars and then a two-way bike lane.

Cyclists have been pleased with the lane.

The other findings in Brennan’s survey — reflect the many opinions on the matter. For example:

- 62 percent of people who bike regularly want to keep the lane as it is, while 32 percent of non-bicyclists and 27 percent of non-bike-owning drivers have the same opinion.
- 48 percent of respondents said the lane was a change for the better, while 32 percent said it was a change for the worse.
- Younger people like the bike lane more. Fifty-nine per-

cent of people under 50 support the lane while only 36 percent of people over 50 support it. Younger residents also favor keeping the bike lane as is, while 25 percent of older residents are in favor of changing it and 39 percent want to get rid of it entirely.

- Half of survey respondents feel that the bike lane has reduced speeding on Prospect Park West, but a plurality of residents — 44 percent — feel that traffic flow is worse, and more than half of drivers — 54 percent — think traffic flow is worse.
- 33 percent of all respondents feel less safe crossing Prospect Park West, while 22 percent feel safer.

An opposition group joined Brennan in focussing on that part of the study — pedestrian safety.

“Pedestrians feel less safe crossing Prospect Park West, as this poll decisively shows,” said Jim Walden, attorney for Neighbors for Better Bike Lanes and Seniors for Safety, which is the city to force the removal of the lane. “And people feel less safe because they are less safe.”

City statistics show that there have been no injuries to pedestrians or cyclists since the lane was installed, down from an average of one injury every two months.

As such, bike lane supporters drove right over Brennan’s argument.

“The results of his own survey do not support that position,” said Eric McClure of Park Slope Neighbors. “The lane has resulted in improvements in safety and the reduction in speeding and injuries.”

And, McClure added, a one-way, southbound-only route would leave northbound cyclists back where they started from — once again increasing the likelihood of bicycling on the sidewalk.

Brennan’s central result — that 69 percent of residents support the bike lane, with or without changes — is similar to a study published last year

by Councilman Brad Lander (D–Park Slope), whose survey of 3,000 people found that 78 percent of residents wanted the lane to remain, with or without changes.

“I am pleased to see how closely the results of Assemblyman Brennan’s poll mirror the survey that my office conducted in October,” Lander said. “The results show that the community generally supports the Prospect Park West traffic-calming project and bike lane.”

Complete survey results will be posted on Assemblyman Brennan’s website at www.assembly.state.ny.us/mem/James-F-Brennan.

BIKES...

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complain that it has made the boulevard less safe for pedestrians.

The crackdown was needed because of a rise in bicycle accidents and to ensure “pedestrian safety,” said a police spokeswoman, but the city has not released any data to back up the assertion that more enforcement is needed.

David Dixon, owner of Dixon’s Bicycle Shop in Park Slope says that customers are constantly complaining about “silly” tickets. But some tales

from the crackdown show the need for enforcement and police restraint.

Early in the ticket blitz, for example, one man got three tickets from a single incident on Union Avenue near S. Third Street in Williamsburg: One for riding on the sidewalk, another for riding against traffic — and the last for mouthing off to the officer who stopped him in the first place.

“I know it’s a safety issue,” said Tejas Singh, 26. “But three friggin’ tickets? For riding a bike?”

PARK...

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and better for the public — than charging fees to use the park’s facilities, hoping for money from film crews permits and renting out space to more snack carts.

“Limited residential development actually privatizes the park less,” Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy Executive Director Nancy Webster told a crowd of 100 at the hearing last Thursday at St. Francis College.

Tupper Thomas, who until this year was Webster’s counterpart at the venerable Prospect Park Alliance, also backed housing as the most stable option, explaining the woes maintaining cash-strapped open space.

“All of these gray hairs on my head will show you how hard it is to raise private money for a public park,” said Thomas, who retired in January. “[Housing is] a great mechanism to maintain the park in the future.”

That assertion didn’t convince neighbors like Roy Sloane of the Cobble Hill Association.

“I will never support housing in this park until there are high-rises in Prospect Park, Central Park and every other major park in this city,” he said.

Sloane and other foes of housing have been on their own campaign since February, when the Park’s Committee on Alternatives to Housing unveiled a study that predicted that non-housing options could at most generate \$7 million, not even half of the ballooning \$16-million maintenance budget. And half of that revenue would come from a new tax on residents and businesses inside a “park improvement district” whose borders would comprise all properties within one-quarter mile of the park — as such, it is unlikely to gain political traction.

Opponents of housing say

that the consultant report low-balled the figures to make it seem like high-rises were the best option.

For example, the Brooklyn Bridge Park Defense Fund claims that the report only accounted for the \$300 cost of a city film permit for a total of \$1,500 to \$4,500 annually. Yet park officials charge an additional fee to film in the park — to the tune of \$30,000 for a single major shoot. The group also said \$1 million more could be generated from parking and \$365,000 more could be generated from concessions.

Most important, committee rules forbade it from considering the largest pot of money: the revenue generated after the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society sells dozens of currently tax-exempt properties that it owns

in Brooklyn Heights and DUMBO.

“All the numbers are to justify one goal: building high on the waterfront,” said Judi Francis, president of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Defense Fund, which has sued to keep housing out of Brooklyn Bridge Park.

The construction of housing and other revenue-generating uses stems from a 2002 agreement between the city and state that the \$350-million park raise its own maintenance budget so it would not be a drain on city coffers.

But the proposed 20- to 30-floor luxury high-rises have long been the waterfront development’s most-controversial feature, so park officials created the committee to search for alternatives to housing.

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said that Hogan didn’t make the events up, but used them as an excuse to withdraw the funds, which she ultimately pocketed.

Hogan is facing 15 years in prison for siphoning more than \$82,000 from the Cobble Hill school’s PTA coffers.

She surrendered at the 76th Precinct stationhouse on Wednesday morning and was released on \$15,000 bail.

Prosecutors had asked for \$100,000 bail — the same amount Hogan admitted to

stealing from the PTA in February after the group discovered a gap in its tax returns.

Assistant District Attorney Kevin James claimed that taking the money made her a neighborhood pariah — and thus a potential flight risk, he noted.

“[Hogan] has no significant connections to her community,” James said. “Her husband is unemployed, her business is failing and whatever community ties she had, she cut them with her actions.”

DAUGHTRY

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The pastor said he’s hoping to use some tickets as a carrot for school kids to get better grades, and perhaps offer the suite to sick patients at Brooklyn Hospital Center in Fort Greene.

“It would be very therapeutic,” he said.

The 80-year-old civil rights activist, who was a special assistant to the Rev. Jesse Jackson and spiritual advisor to slain rapper Tupac Shakur, had a thug life of his own, though he said he found God after a four-year sentence in the mid-1950s for attempted armed robbery.

“I was an OG,” the pastor said, using slang for “original gangster.”

Daughtry’s group was among eight that signed the benefits agreement in 2005. The pact is intended to hold developers accountable to local stakeholders, though the Ratner agreement has been widely criticized because six of the eight “local stakeholders” did not even exist before the negotiation of the contract. One of those

that did exist, ACORN, has since been replaced by Mutual Housing Association of New York.

Daughtry, of course, has been a local presence for years. His efforts on the community benefits agreement not only led to his control of more than four-dozen tickets every night, but also a requirement that Ratner’s project include an intergenerational center and a meditation room, along with the use of the arena for 10 events per year.

“This is [Daughtry’s] little piece of the pie for having been a cheerleader to Ratner,” said Candace Carponter, legal director of Develop Don’t Destroy Brooklyn, a group opposed to Atlantic Yards.

Daughtry has been personally attacked by some project opponents for not doing more to ensure that the \$4.9-billion Atlantic Yards mega-development do more for the less fortunate — but he was unapologetic about dealing with Ratner, whom he described as a “great friend,” and whose

brother, attorney and Nets investor Michael Ratner, represented him in the 1980s in a defamation lawsuit.

“This project was going forward anyway — can you imagine what I’d feel like stepping out on my church stoop and look at all that’s happening, and know that all I did was throw rocks at a moving train?” Daughtry said.

The Nets began selling tickets to season ticket holders last week — proof that the arena. Team officials said the average Nets ticket will cost \$132, and a bargain basement suite will cost \$300,000.

Arena backers welcome the free seats, and had no problem with Daughtry being the ticket master.

“I think we’ll all find a way for our community to be able to benefit from the opportunity made available,” said Charlene Nimmons, who heads Public Housing Community, a group that also signed the agreement.

But Yards critics said the “community” tickets appear to be one of the few promises in the benefits agreement the developer is keeping, as the affordable housing and thousands of jobs promised as part of the massive residential component of the project have yet to materialize.

“A couple free tickets to a Nets game will be little comfort to someone in need of a job or an affordable place to live,” said Eric McClure, a spokesman for Develop Don’t Destroy.

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arena’s best 4,400 seats.

Nets Chief Executive Officer Brett Yormark said non-premium season tickets — including some low-priced options — would be introduced in phases throughout the year. Two thousand tickets will be priced at \$15, and sometimes even less. Half of all the season tickets are priced at \$55 or fewer per game.

Still, there will be plenty of high-end real estate inside the arena.

The “brownstone suites,” 16 luxury boxes costing \$450,000 each, have already sold out. Nine of the most expensive suites designed by hip-hop impresario Jay-Z, a minuscule Nets investor, won’t be sold until the fall.

So far, the team said it has sold 40 percent of the 100 available suites.

The cheapest of the bunch are the 10-seat “loft suites” which will cost a cool \$300,000, team officials said.

“We kept fans in mind, but obviously, we have a business to run,” Yormark said.

Team officials revealed that the arena will open on Sept. 28, 2012 — and the facility — and an unveiling of the “world class” acts that will perform at its inaugural show.

Aside from the Nets, the arena will host more than 200 events in its first year, including concerts, the circus, and top-tier college sports.

Nets spokesman Barry Baum said that the arena’s steel skeleton is almost 30 percent erected, the facade will be put in place in July, and the roof will be in place by the end of the year.

Yormark predicted the arena would quickly set itself apart from its Manhattan competition.

“Whether it’s the sight lines, the intimacy of our concerts or the food and beverage program that will truly bring the culinary fabric of the borough, the customer experience will be defined differently than other places,” he said.

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